

ted on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2015: Yeas 130, Nays 9, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2015: Yeas 24, Nays 7.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL BODIES
MAKE AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS OF OPEN
MEETINGS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET**

CHAPTER 681

H.B. No. 283

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that certain governmental bodies make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 551.128, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), (b-4), (b-5), and (b-6) to read as follows:

(b) *Except as provided by Subsection (b-1) and subject [Subject] to the requirements of this section, a governmental body may broadcast an open meeting over the Internet.*

(b-1) *A transit authority or department subject to Chapter 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, an elected school district board of trustees for a school district that has a student enrollment of 10,000 or more, an elected governing body of a home-rule municipality that has a population of 50,000 or more, or a county commissioners court for a county that has a population of 125,000 or more shall:*

(1) *make a video and audio recording of reasonable quality of each regularly scheduled open meeting that is not a work session or a special called meeting; and*

(2) *make available an archived copy of the video and audio recording of each meeting described by Subdivision (1) on the Internet.*

(b-2) *A governmental body described by Subsection (b-1) may make available the archived recording of a meeting required by Subsection (b-1) on an existing Internet site, including a publicly accessible video-sharing or social networking site. The governmental body is not required to establish a separate Internet site and provide access to archived recordings of meetings from that site.*

(b-3) *A governmental body described by Subsection (b-1) that maintains an Internet site shall make available on that site, in a conspicuous manner:*

(1) *the archived recording of each meeting to which Subsection (b-1) applies; or*

(2) *an accessible link to the archived recording of each such meeting.*

(b-4) *A governmental body described by Subsection (b-1) shall:*

(1) *make the archived recording of each meeting to which Subsection (b-1) applies available on the Internet not later than seven days after the date the recording was made; and*

(2) *maintain the archived recording on the Internet for not less than two years after the date the recording was first made available.*

(b-5) A governmental body described by Subsection (b-1) is exempt from the requirements of Subsections (b-2) and (b-4) if the governmental body's failure to make the required recording of a meeting available is the result of a catastrophe, as defined by Section 551.0411, or a technical breakdown. Following a catastrophe or breakdown, a governmental body must make all reasonable efforts to make the required recording available in a timely manner.

(b-6) A governmental body described by Subsection (b-1) may broadcast a regularly scheduled open meeting of the body on television.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (b-2), a [A] governmental body that broadcasts a meeting over the Internet shall establish an Internet site and provide access to the broadcast from that site. The governmental body shall provide on the Internet site the same notice of the meeting that the governmental body is required to post under Subchapter C. The notice on the Internet must be posted within the time required for posting notice under Subchapter C.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. An open meeting held before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the open meeting, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

Passed by the House on May 13, 2015: Yeas 143, Nays 4, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 25, 2015: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective January 1, 2016.

**STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND POTENTIAL COSTS AND
BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTING A PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE
CONTRACT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

CHAPTER 682

H.B. No. 307

AN ACT

relating to a study on the feasibility and potential costs and benefits of implementing a pay-for-performance contract program for certain criminal justice programs and services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "department" means the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

(b) The department shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility and potential costs and benefits to this state of implementing a pay-for-performance contract program under which the department would:

(1) contract with an administrator for the operation of criminal justice programs or the provision of criminal justice services, the operation or provision of which would be funded using investor-provided financial capital; and

(2) make contract payments to the administrator using general obligation bond proceeds or other available money only if specified performance requirements for and outcomes from the programs and services are achieved and the return on investment to this state is positive, thereby rewarding successful results and shifting the financial risk from this state.

(c) The department may request assistance and information from the comptroller of